

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

March 28, 2011

5:30 p.m.

Courthouse

MINUTES:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Trey Gooch
Commissioner Allen McAdoo
Commissioner Robert Peay
Commissioner Tiffany Phillips
Commissioner Doug Shafer
Commissioner Matt Young
Commissioner Gary Farley, C

OTHERS PRESENT:

Robert Arnold Joe Russell
Dan Goode Mike Nunley
Randy White Larry Farley
Phillip Martin Lynn Duke
Chris Clark Michael Gregory
Preble Morton Bernard Salandy
Roger Allen Dr. Dan Rudd

Jeff Jordan, Michael Fitzhugh, Darlene Spence, Todd Hammond, Virgil Powell, Cindy Powell, Mary Ann Ryan, G. Rhett Rankin, Randy Garrett, Becky Shelton

Chairman Farley presided and called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with all members being present at that time.

MINUTES:

"Commissioner Shaffer moved, seconded by Commissioner T. Phillips, to approve the minutes of the last meeting as mailed. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

OSHA REPORT:

Dan Goode presented the OSHA report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Peay moved, seconded by Commissioner T. Phillips, to approve the OSHA report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

AMBULANCE SERVICE REPORT:

Mike Nunley presented the Ambulance Service report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner T. Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Gooch, to approve the Ambulance Service report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

Mr. Nunley next presented proposed budget amendments of \$7,000 increase to Account #118-43120 (Patient Charges) and Account #118-55130-509 (Refunds); \$5,000 from Account #118-55130-307 (Communications) to Account #118-55130-348 (Postage); \$60,000 from Account #118-55130-133 (Paraprofessionals' Payroll) to Account #118-55130-169 (Part-time Personnel Payroll) and \$95,000 from Account #118-34730 (Assigned for Public Health & Welfare) with \$80,000 to Account #118-55130-425 (Gasoline) and \$15,000 to Account #118-55130-452 (Utilities). Following discussion,

"Commissioner Shafer moved, seconded by Commissioner T. Phillips, to approve the budget amendments of \$7,000 increase to Account #118-43120 (Patient Charges) and Account #118-55130-509 (Refunds); \$5,000 from Account #118-55130-307 (Communications) to Account #118-55130-348 (Postage); \$60,000 from Account #118-55130-133 (Paraprofessionals' Payroll) to Account #118-55130-169 (Part-time Personnel Payroll) and \$95,000 from Account #118-34730 (Assigned for Public Health & Welfare) with \$80,000 to Account #118-55130-425 (Gasoline) and \$15,000 to Account #118-55130-452 (Utilities). This motion passed by roll call vote with Commissioner Peay voting "no".

PAWS REPORT:

Michael Gregory presented the PAWS report for the use and information of the Committee including a map showing the call zones in the County. Following discussion,

"Commissioner T. Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Gooch, to approve the PAWS report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

CORRECTIONAL WORK CENTER REPORT:

Bernard Salandy presented the Correctional Work Center report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Gooch moved, seconded by Commissioner T. Phillips, to approve the Correctional Work Center report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

COUNTY FIRE/RESCUE DEPARTMENT:

Larry Farley next presented the County Fire/Rescue Department report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Peay moved, seconded by Commissioner T. Phillips, to approve the County Fire/Rescue Department report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

Mr. Farley next presented a proposed budget amendment of \$7,500 from Account #101-54320-411 (Data Processing Supplies) to Account #101-54320-338 (Maint/Repair Vehicles) advising with this transfer there is no money remaining for any maintenance after these bills are paid. Commissioner Peay recommended Mr. Farley meet with the County Mayor with the Mayor to advise next month as to the needs from the ending fund. The Committee discussed whether the upcoming budget should be increased for maintenance. If there is a truck failure, Mr. Farley is to notify Chairman Farley. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Shafer moved, seconded by Commissioner Peay, to approve the budget amendment of \$7,500 from Account #101-54320-411 (Data Processing Supplies) to Account #101-54320-338 (Maint/Repair Vehicles). This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY REPORT:

Roger Allen presented the Emergency Management Agency report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner T. Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Gooch, to approve the Emergency Management Agency report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

DRUG COURT REPORT:

No representative was in attendance.

JUVENILE DETENTION REPORT:

Lynn Duke presented the Juvenile Detention report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner T. Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Gooch, to approve the Juvenile Detention report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

Ms. Duke next presented proposed budget amendments of \$850 from Account #101-54240-349 (Printing, Stationary & Forms) and \$2,875 from Account #101-54240-196 (In-Service Training) with \$3,725 to Account #101-54240-499 (Other Supplies/Materials) and \$300 from Account #101-58900-425 (Miscellaneous/Gasoline) to Account #101-54240-425 (Juv Det/Gasoline). Following discussion,

"Commissioner Peay moved, seconded by Commissioner Young, to approve the budget amendments of \$850 from Account #101-54240-349 (Printing, Stationary & Forms) and \$2,875 from Account #101-54240-196 (In-Service Training) with \$3,725 to Account #101-54240-499 (Other

Supplies/Materials) and \$300 from Account #101-58900-425 (Miscellaneous/Gasoline) to Account #101-54240-425 (Juv Det/Gasoline). This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Sheriff Robert Arnold first presented proposed budget amendments of \$21,000 from Account #54110-317 (Data Proc Serv) and \$24,000 from Account #54110-425 (Gasoline) with \$45,000 to Account #54110-307 (Communication); \$150 increase to Account #44145 (Sale/Recy Material) and Account #54210-335 (R/M Bldg); \$500 increase to Account #48140 (Gov. Cont. Services) and Account #54110-196 (Ins. Training); \$1,297 increase to Account #48130 (Gov. Contributions) and Account #54110-187 (Overtime); \$13,000 from Account #101-39000 (Undesig Funds) to Account #54110-336 (R/M Equip) and \$15,000 from Account #54110-425 (Gasoline) to Account #54210-354 (Pris. Transp). Following discussion,

"Commissioner Young moved, seconded by Commissioner Shafer, to approve the budget amendments of \$21,000 from Account #54110-317 (Data Proc Serv) and \$24,000 from Account #54110-425 (Gasoline) with \$45,000 to Account #54110-307 (Communication); \$150 increase to Account #44145 (Sale/Recy Material) and Account #54210-335 (R/M Bldg); \$500 increase to Account #48140 (Gov. Cont. Services) and Account #54110-196 (Ins. Training); \$1,297 increase to Account #48130 (Gov. Contributions) and Account #54110-187 (Overtime); \$13,000 from Account #101-39000 (Undesig Funds) to Account #54110-336 (R/M Equip) and \$15,000 from Account #54110-425 (Gasoline) to Account #54210-354 (Pris. Transp). This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

Commissioner Peay requested review of the Sheriff's accounts to see if the funding is available within the budget.

The Committee was next provided the line item reports for its use and information. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Gooch moved, seconded by Commissioner T. Phillips, to approve the line item reports as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

Sheriff Arnold advised as of this morning there were 687 total inmates. The State is in the process of taking prisoners. In the County in January, 2011 there were 23 burglaries and 41 in February, 2011. The Crime Suppression Unit is starting to map and follow these crimes.

Sheriff Arnold next presented his proposed 2011/12 budget for Committee review. First reviewed was revenue estimates projected to be \$3,829,357.

The Special Patrols budget, Account #54120, was presented. The Committee was advised this is pass through Federal money. Following discussion,

"Commissioner T. Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Gooch, to approve the Special Patrols budget, Account #54120, as

presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

The Administration of Sex Offender Fund, Account #54160, was presented. No tax dollars fund this account as fees are collected from offenders. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Gooch moved, seconded by Commissioner Young, to approve the Administration of Sex Offender Fund, Account #54160, as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

The Committee next reviewed three State grants and two Federal grants expiring being advised these positions will no longer be funded by the grants. The Drug Enforcement budget, Account #54150 funds six positions. The Committee was advised the County Mayor has recommended absorbing one position into the general fund. These salaries were previously paid from seized funds but the fund is

depleted and can no longer support the positions. Sheriff Arnold advised he would like to fund five positions in the 2011/12 budget through the general fund and not the drug fund. Although the positions can be funded in 2011/12, they cannot the following year if the positions are not moved to the general fund. The drug fund can only be used for drug related expenses.

In the Jail Account, Account #54210, Dr. Rudd's three year contract is up this year. Sheriff Arnold advised he is very satisfied with his services. Dr. Rudd is asking for a 5% increase if the Sheriff's Department is not accredited and when the department is accredited, he would want a 10% increase.

Sheriff Arnold advised he was also proposing an HVAC maintenance person as this would save on contract work on the chillers. The Sheriff's Department spent \$67,000 last year on contract work for the HVAC system. This person could also work on other HVAC units in the County.

Sheriff Arnold advised he was also requesting a 3% pay increase for all deputies as the starting salary is \$27,000. He would also like four transport deputies and two booking deputies.

Commissioner Shafer advised he liked the idea of an HVAC employee but wanted to negotiate for something. Commissioner Young suggested reducing Account #335 by \$23,000 and approving the HVAC employee.

Sheriff Arnold advised he still has on-going maintenance projects due to leaks and replacing tile flooring.

"Commissioner Shafer moved, seconded by Commissioner Gooch, to approve the Sheriff's request for Account #54210, but decreasing Account #335 to \$177,000 and adding an HVAC employee at \$44,292. This motion passed by acclamation with Commissioner Peay voting "no".

Sheriff Arnold advised the Mayor was more in favor of the HVAC employee and not so much the 3% pay increase or the transport or booking deputies. Commissioner Peay advised he needed more time to digest the numbers.

The Committee was next presented information on Account #54110. Sheriff Arnold advised due to the economy, he was recommending cutting the school patrol positions to a total of 16 to cover only County roads at a cost savings of \$100,000 and let Murfreesboro, Smyrna and LaVergne fund these crossing guards if they so choose. Commissioner Peay advised Rutherford County is the only County in the State that pays for school patrols in municipalities. Commissioner Shafer advised it was decided on the Commission floor in the past for the County to fund the positions when the City decided to

stop funding them. Commissioner Young thought the positions should be kept. Commissioner McAdoo advised more discussion was needed with the School Superintendent. The question of liability was discussed if the positions are not funded. Chairman Farley directed Sheriff Arnold to contact the County Attorney and the matter will be brought up again to discuss liability as to not funding the crossing guards.

The current comp time buy out liability is \$330,000.

The Sheriff advised he wanted to buy as many Crown Victoria automobiles as possible because this is the last year they will be made. Although Chevrolet will start making the Caprese, the Sheriff advised he does not want to buy them in the first or second year of production. Also, equipment is not interchangeable between the two cars. \$500,000 will buy about fourteen equipped vehicles but the Sheriff advised they will probably buy twelve to be able to buy other needed vehicles.

Although not in the budget request, the Sheriff wants to absorb six NARC/ICE positions, absorb one domestic violence position, hire five additional civil warrant officers, increase position for PIO to pay grade 7, add a line for meth clean up, a 3% across the board pay increase and add one sex offender position.

Commissioner Shafer questioned the increase in Line Item 709 and Sheriff Arnold advised he was separating from the County IT Department and starting his own in-house to include video visitation. The Mayor is aware of this request.

\$35,000 for drycleaning has been included. Sheriff Arnold advised with upgrading the uniforms this will extend the life of the uniforms.

Commissioner Young advised there is no option on meth lab clean ups as well as the sex registry position. Additionally, as to the pay grade increase, if someone is doing the job they should get paid for it.

Sheriff Arnold advised the Mayor thought the general fund could absorb one of the drug enforcement positions but he was asking the Committee to think out of the box and maybe fund medical benefits or some part of the positions out of general. Sheriff Arnold advised all the school crossing guards could be cut at \$460,000 and this would fund the six narcotics officers.

"Commissioner Peay moved to take the recommendation for Account #54110 as presented at \$17,802,292 and forward the same to the Budget Committee. This motion failed for lack of a second."

"Commissioner Young moved, seconded by Commissioner Gooch, to table the issues as to Account #54110 to the next Public Safety Committee meeting. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

The Committee requested the Mayor, Finance Director and County Attorney be present at the next meeting.

Sheriff Arnold next presented information on the benefits of combining the Rutherford County Adult Detention Center and the Rutherford County Correctional Work Center. Chairman Farley recommended having a special called meeting to discuss this proposal to combine the services. Commissioner Young advised he would like to see the dispatch consolidated before addressing this issue. Sheriff Arnold advised he was waiting on the 911 consultant to make a recommendation as to dispatch. The special called meeting will be April 18 at 5:30 p.m. in the Courtroom. The Workhouse Board, Mayor, County Attorney and Finance Director will be invited to the meeting.

Sheriff Arnold next advised the Property Management

Committee approved looking at funding the design phase of the jail expansion/renovation and this matter went to the Budget Committee. However, the Budget Committee felt it should go to the Public Safety Committee before Budget.

Sheriff Arnold provided proposed plans from architects and advised there is some money in the litigation fund. The plan as presented provides for consolidation of dispatch. Chairman Farley advised at some point the County will have to build this so if the design is funded it is not a waste because it will be used at some point.

Sheriff Arnold advised the Mayor has told him up to \$8,000,000 could be funded but with the sallyport the project is \$10,000,000. Sheriff Arnold did not know the funding mechanism. Commissioners Shafer and Peay wanted to know the funding mechanism. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Young moved, seconded by Commissioner Gooch, to forward the matter to the Budget Committee to look at the funding mechanism for the jail expansion/renovation. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

There appearing to be no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Farley declared the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

GARY FARLEY, Chairman